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Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes – Approved 11-25-2013

Monday, October 28, 2013

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 12227 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills, CA

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1. **Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, Welcome/Introductions/Calendar**

President Edward Headington called the Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Fourteen of the 22 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Mike Chibidakis, Edward Headington, Bill Hopkins, Wayde Hunter, Rahim Kazi, Ralph Kroy, William Lillenberg, Scott Manatt, Ray Pollok, Robert Ryder, Jan Subar, Kim Thompson, Becky Van Sickle and Donna Zero. Sid Gold arrived later. Board Members absent: Sue DeVandry, Kevin Kilroy, Cherie Mann, Steven Steinberg, Shannon West and Anne Ziliak. The GHNNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is 13, so the Board could take such votes. Twenty-one of the 25 Board Seats were filled. Four Board Seats were vacant. Also attending: 11 Stakeholders and Guests.

2. **Comments from CD 12, Senior Lead Officers, Elected Official Reps, Government Agencies.**

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #6. b.*] Megan Cottier, District Director for L.A. City District 12 Councilman Mitch Englander (818-882-1212; Megan.Cottier@LACity.org), reported that the Councilman was appointed Chair of the Community Care Facilities Ordinance Working Group. She showed “OK / Help” display cards from their Aftershock brochure to place in a home or business window in an emergency; they’re available free from the Council. The Sunshine Canyon Community Amenities Trust Fund loaned \$100,000, interest-free, to the BID (Business Improvement District); payback will be “by the expiration of the BID” around 2014. Also, Ms. Cottier reminded that “the Councilman has no ability to waive fees for anything.”

3. **Minutes Approval.**

The following corrections to the September 30, 2013 General Board Meeting Minutes were requested:

Page two, Item #4.: "Stakeholder William Koosman" should be "Stakeholder William Kuzmin."

Page three, Item #6. a. the funding Motion: "Hopkins" should read "Kroy."

Page six, Item #6. e: "FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the ten Board Members present who were eligible to vote (Chibidakis, DeVandry, Headington, Hopkins, Hunter, Pollok, Steinberg, Subar, Thompson and Zero)." should read "FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 11 Board Members present who were eligible to vote, with nine in favor (Chibidakis, DeVandry, Headington, Kroy, Hunter, Pollok, Steinberg, Subar and Zero); Ms. Ziliak opposed; Ms. Thompson abstained."

MOTION (by Ms. Zero, seconded by Mr. Manatt): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its September 30, 2013 General Board Meeting as corrected.*

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote.

4. Public Comments.

Stakeholder William Kuzmin was concerned that he did not receive an e-mailed board meeting Agenda as he requested. He also expressed concern about agendas not being timely posted as required.

5. Emergency Preparedness Item of the Month.

Mr. Hopkins displayed and announced that free "Triangular Bandages" and preparedness literature are available. He reminded all to be prepared for emergencies.

6. Committee Reports, Motions and/or possible action items.

a) President's Report

Mr. Headington reported that two- to three-hour tours are available of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site. The GHNNC Election will be in March 2014; an Election Committee will be formed. The GHNNC could combine with the GHSNC to outreach at the Friday nights 6:30-8:30 food trucks on Chatsworth Ave. The Newsletter will be e-mailed this week. New Board Member photos are needed for the website.

MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council removes Kevin Kilroy from his GHNNC Board Seat due to a lack of attendance.*

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote.

MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council remove Shannon West from her Board Seat due to a lack of eligibility.*

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote.

MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council appoints Jesse Cruz to a District 3 Board Seat.*

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cruz works for the L.A. City Bureau of Sanitation. Mr. Headington reminded that the President can appoint Board Members. Ms. Subar and Mr. Hopkins were concerned that a Nominating Committee had not been convened to interview Mr. Cruz.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote. Mr. Cruz was Seated with the Board.

MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council appoints Mike Chibidakis to the Youth Groups Board Seat.*

DISCUSSION: Mr. Chibidakis would be changing his Board Seat from District Three to Youth Groups. Mr. Hopkins was concerned that Stakeholders elected Mr. Chibidakis to fill a District Three Seat. Mr. Headington indicated that he discussed the move with Mr. Chibidakis, who approves the move. Mr. Manatt said that “the Bylaws are moot on that.”

Board Member Sid Gold arrived at this time.

Mr. Headington added that the GHNNC has recently done this twice.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 13 in favor; Mr. Hopkins opposed; two abstained.

b) Citywide Issues

MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council supports the concept of keeping of honeybees in Los Angeles City on residential property with appropriate City supervision and licensing.*

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gold explained the need. The Committee unanimously supported it. Keeping honeybees is legal on L.A. County land; the City does not have any Code about it. Mr. Lillenberg was concerned about whether it’s safe. Ms. Thompson, Mr. Kazi and others supported it. Ms. Cottier pointed out that “beekeeping is illegal in residential zones.”

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote.

Mr. Gold described upcoming VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) activities.

FUNDING MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council allocates \$200 to support planned VANC activities.*

DISCUSSION: Funding would be allocated from the GHNNC Outreach budget. There was discussion as to whether funds were available and whether they should be allocated for this.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Chibidakis, Gold, Hopkins, Manatt, Pollok, Subar and

Thompson), two opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Headington and Hunter) and two abstentions (Kroy and Zero).

c) Treasurer Report

[*This was addressed after Item #2.*] Mr. Chibidakis distributed copies of and reviewed the Monthly Expenditure Report for September and the GHNNC annual budget through September.

FUNDING MOTION (by the Committee): *The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council approves the GHNNC Monthly Expenditure Report for September 2013.*

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present (Mr. Kroy was not in the room) with all ten in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Chibidakis, Gold, Headington, Hopkins, Hunter, Manatt, Pollok, Subar, Thompson and Zero).

d) PLUM

Mr. Hunter reported that the next Committee Meeting will be November 21st. The Legends of Cascades Community Association Zoning Variance Case Hearing was moved to November 7th. Ms. Thompson announced a November 6th ReCode LA workshop webinar.

e) Public Safety -- Ray Pollok

Mr. Hopkins reviewed recent presentations made at the Emergency Preparedness (EP) Meeting, including Urban Search and Rescue. The third CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class will be this Wednesday. Mr. Kroy reminded that the GHNNC and GHSNC voted to have emergency preparedness equipment. The next EP Committee Meeting will be November 5th, 7:00 p.m. at the Office.

f) Secretary Report – Donna Zero re: Board Training

Ms. Zero reported that 11 Board Members and soon-to-be Board Member Jesse Cruz attended the recent training. She summarized the training, especially about different leadership styles. Information collected at that meeting will be presented to all Board Members.

7. Board Comment on non-agenda items.

Mr. Headington reminded for Citywide Committee Motions to be sent to the Executive Committee before being sent to the City. Mr. Hopkins reported that the City’s asphalt repair program is “collecting a list” of repairs needed; you can contact WHopkins@ghnnc.org. Mr. Hunter suggested possible community projects for which funds could be allocated by the North Valley Coalition. Mr. Chibidakis announced a December 9th golf tournament fundraiser and reminded Board Members who have not completed the Funding Training to complete it [see <http://empowerla.org/funding>]. Mr. Pollok announced the November 11th Veterans Day ceremony at the Veterans Triangle. Ms. Thompson announced a November 4th speaker at Granada Hills High School about parent-youth relationships.

8. Adjournment.

Mr. Headington **ADJOURNED** the Meeting without objection at 8:15 p.m.
Minutes written by DL.